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*Mooreville's Treasure Trove (May 2015)*

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## **HARVEY FUNERAL HOME**



*From an Advertisement from 1954 Wagon Trails (Mooreville High School Yearbook)*

E. F. Harvey founded Harvey Funeral Home in 1925. In 1931, the business was moved to its location on the southeast corner of the intersection of South Indiana and East Harrison Streets in downtown Mooreville (see above photo). Aldridge Harvey joined his father in 1935 and became a partner in 1945. E. F. Harvey retired in 1954. Paul and Barbara Cooke purchased the business in 1965. In 1973 they moved to a new facility at the corner of Allison Road and State Road 67 North. It became Jones Mortuary in 1975.



*From an Advertisement from 1959 Wagon Trails (Mooresville High School Yearbook)*



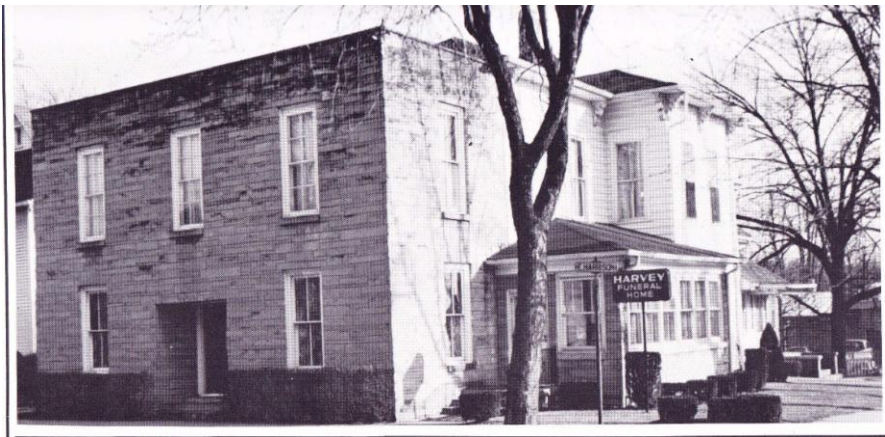
*Harvey Funeral Home (Late 1960s)*



*John Dillinger's body being unloaded at Harvey Funeral Home (July 1934)*



*John Dillinger's body at Harvey Funeral Home (July 25, 1934)*

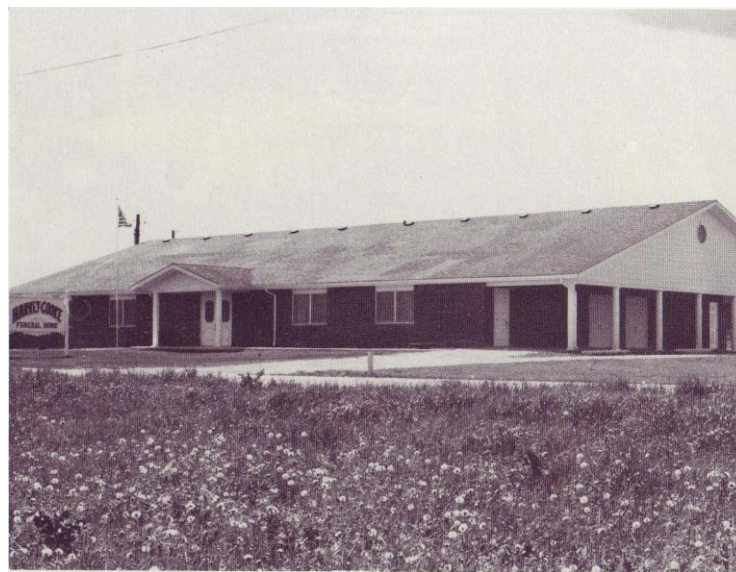


# Harvey Funeral Home

24-Hour Ambulance

Service

*Advertisements from 1972-1973 (above) and 1973-1974 (below) Wagon Trails  
(Mooresville High School Yearbook)*



Harvey-Cooke

Funeral Home

St. Rd 67 N. and Allison Rd.

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Your Chamber of Commerce presents —

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## Elmer Harvey started funeral chapel in 1925



Elmer Harvey established Mooresville's second funeral chapel in 1925 on the southeast corner of Washington and N. Indiana sts. The firm then had three major developments.

Elmer moved the business in 1931 to a 16 room house at 5 E. Harrison st. Mooresville's expanded growth demanded larger quarters for the firm. The new location was also large enough to be used as residence for the Harvey family.

Second, Elmer's sons, Aldrich, who had already had his embalmer's license for 13 years, bought a partnership with his father in 1945. Father and son meant more growth. In 1949 both viewing room and chapel were added to the front of the house. Six years later Elmer Harvey retired, leaving sole operation to his son.

Aldrich managed the business alone for 11 years until he began to look for a partner. Paul Cooke, a mortician in Logansport and Peru and graduate of I.U. School of Mortuary Science,

joined Harvey's Funeral Service in 1965 and became a partner a year and a half later. Mr. and Mrs. Cooke and their two sons now occupy the residential section of the house.

The house, built by Fred Likely's father in 1879, has a large casket-display room upstairs. Here too are facsimilies of massive protective vaults of concrete or steel with thick copper lining weighing 3,000 pounds and costing over \$1,000. Wood, fiberglass and metal caskets are available.

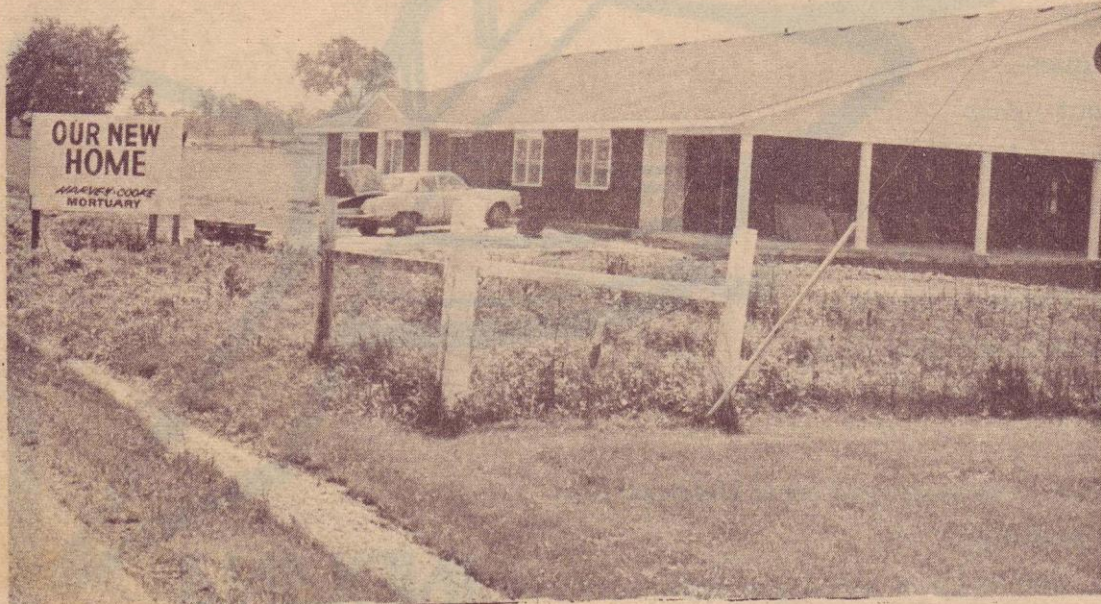
Harvey provided the funeral service with a parking lot in 1959 by tearing down an old barn behind the house.

The firm has two ambulances, Ford station wagon and Cadillac, both air-conditioned and outfitted with complete emergency equipment.

Mrs. Leon Lewis, with Harvey's since 1955, is the chapel organist. John Carney is special assistant for the firm.

Above are Aldrich Harvey, seated, Paul Cooke, left, and John Carney.

## Harvey-Cooke builds new mortuary on Allison rd.



Harvey-Cooke funeral home plans an August or September move to their new chapel on Allison road just east of Grace Missionary church.

The firm has been operating at

the corner of Harrison and Indiana streets for many years and will have a coffee lounge and additional parking at the new structure.

The colonial-style building will

have two chapels, a preparation room, lounge and office.

Aldrich Harvey and Paul Cooke are owners of the firm started by Aldrich's father, Friday Harvey.

June 21-1973

*Mooresville Times*, June 21, 1973 (Above)

*Mooresville Times*, September 6, 1973 (Right)

## New Mortuary To Greet Public

Harvey-Cooke has moved from their downtown Mooresville location into a new funeral home at State Road 67 north and Allison Road next to Grace Missionary Church.

Paul Cooke announced an open house this Saturday and Sunday afternoon and evening. Favors will be given to everyone with the public invited. Cooke asked that if anyone could not come either of these days they are welcome to come any time.

The firm was formerly located on Indiana Street, where it had been since 1925. Cooke has had the firm for the past eight years, changing the name from Harvey Funeral Home to Harvey-Cooke Funeral Home this past January.

Cooke pointed out that among the many features they have three large chapels and a lounge plus ample parking.

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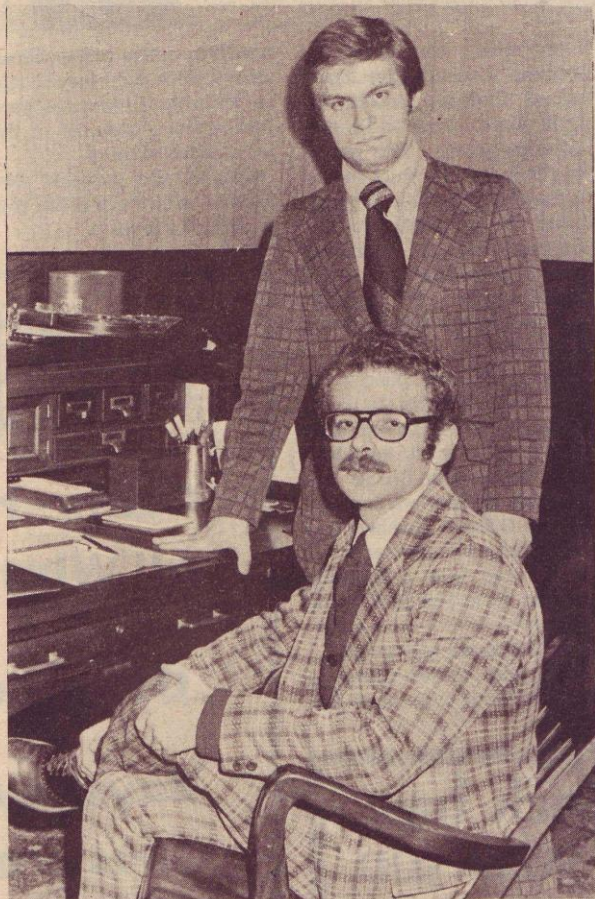
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**THE HARVEY-COOKE FUNERAL HOME** in Mooresville, owned by Paul and Barbara Cooke, moved into this new building Wednesday. The new location is at Allison Road and State Road 67 north. Founded in 1925 by E. F. Harvey, the funeral home moved into the location at Indiana and Harrison streets in 1931. Aldridge Harvey joined his father in 1935 and became a partner in the firm in 1945. E. F. Harvey retired in 1954. Mr. and Mrs. Cooke, who are natives of

Logansport, purchased the business in 1965. They are the parents of two sons, Mark, who is in the service in Germany, and 11-year-old Chad, who is at home. The new facility is 104 ft. x 60 ft., and includes two large chapels, a display room which can be made into a third chapel and a lounge. The building is total electric and has central air conditioning. The parking lot will accommodate 150 cars.

*Reporter*  
8/3-75

*Martinsville Reporter, August 3, 1973*

*Journal*  
**Harvey-Cooke home now  
 Jones Family Mortuary**



Jerry Jones (seated above) and nephew Jeffrey Jones (standing) have purchased the Harvey-Cooke funeral home on Allison rd. The Jones family-owned corporation would like to thank many businessmen in Mooresville for their cooperation in their recent transfers.

Both Jerry and Jeff are 1970 graduates of Decatur Central high school and graduates of the Indiana College of Mortuary Science. They both are married and enjoy their horses which they have boarded near Mooresville.

Jerry is a vice-president of Marwood Optimist club and married to the former Anita White, a daughter of the Decatur school superintendent. He has worked at four funeral homes and served as office manager. He was president of Pi Sigma Eta fraternity while in school and lives at 22 E. High st.

Jeff is a former manager of an Indianapolis mortuary and married to Lori Jones, formerly of Plainfield. He attended Indiana State University and is a member of West Newton Masonic Lodge, Irvington Kiwanis and Marwood Optimist clubs. He will be moving to the home at the rear of the mortuary.

The family purchased the home from Paul Cooke who has purchased a home on E. Main st. The chapel was built two years ago after being moved from the Harrison and Indiana street location where it was founded by Friday Harvey and later operated by his son, Aldrich.

Both Jeff and Jerry are familiar with all types of funeral customs for denominations and fraternal organizations. They are members of the Mooresville Chamber of Commerce.

*Mooresville Times*, January 16, 1975

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